

Application No. 09/497,590
Amendment dated May 17, 2007
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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings includes a replacement sheet 31/33 incorporating changes to Figs. 36-39, and a replacement sheet 33/33 incorporating changes to Fig. 42. Figs. 36-39 have been amended to among other things include extended portions 1380 and 1382 on apparatus 1350 shown therein. Fig. 42 has been amended to among other things indicate that apparatus 1350, rather than apparatus 1350A, is shown therein.

Attachment: Annotated Sheets showing changes to Figs. 36-39 (Annotated Sheet 31/33) and Fig. 42 (Annotated Sheet 33/33), and Replacement Sheets 31/33 and 33/33.

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Applicant has yet to receive from the Examiner a properly considered Form PTO-1449 associated with the Information Disclosure Statement of June 6, 2000. As such, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents, indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the Form PTO-1449, and return the form to the undersigned.

The Examiner has objected to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. § 1.83(a) because the drawings "fail to show extension in figures 36-39 as described in the specification." Accordingly, Applicant has amended Figs. 36-39 to among other things include extended portions 1380 and 1382, and Fig. 42 to among other things refer to apparatus 1350, rather than apparatus 1350A. Furthermore, Applicant has amended the specification to indicate that apparatus 1350 may include extended portions 1380 and 1382. As such, given the amendments to the drawings and the specification, Applicant submits that the Examiner's objection to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. § 1.83(a) has been traversed.

In view of the foregoing remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance, and issuance of a timely Notice of Allowance of claims 105-115 and 121-187 is earnestly solicited.

To the extent any extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is required to obtain entry of this reply, such extension is hereby respectfully requested. If there are any fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 which are not enclosed herewith, including any fees required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, please charge such fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-3726.

Respectfully submitted,
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FIG. 37

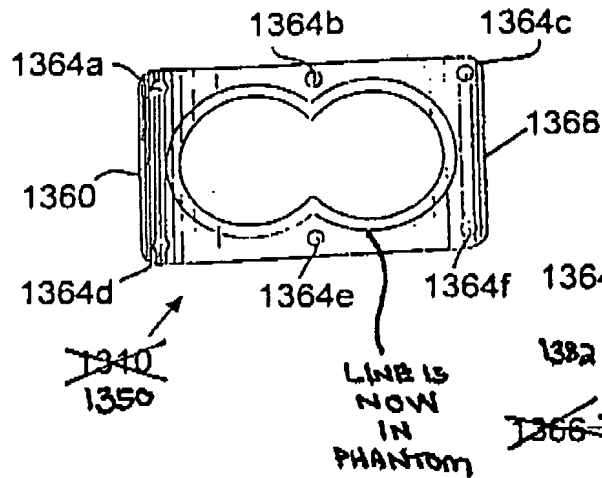


FIG. 38

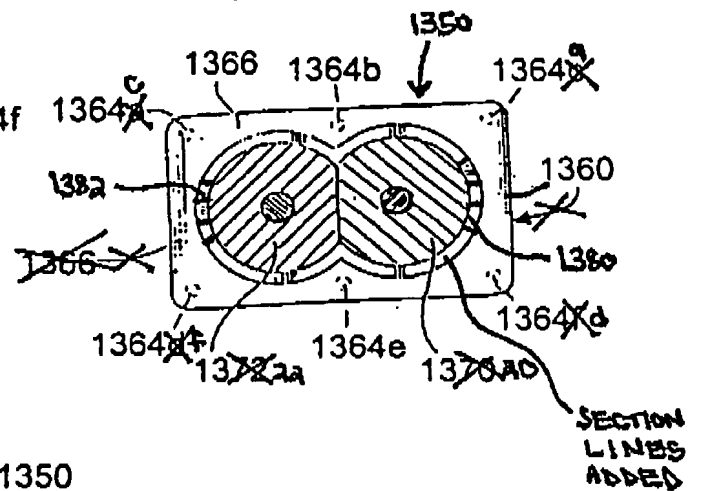


FIG. 36

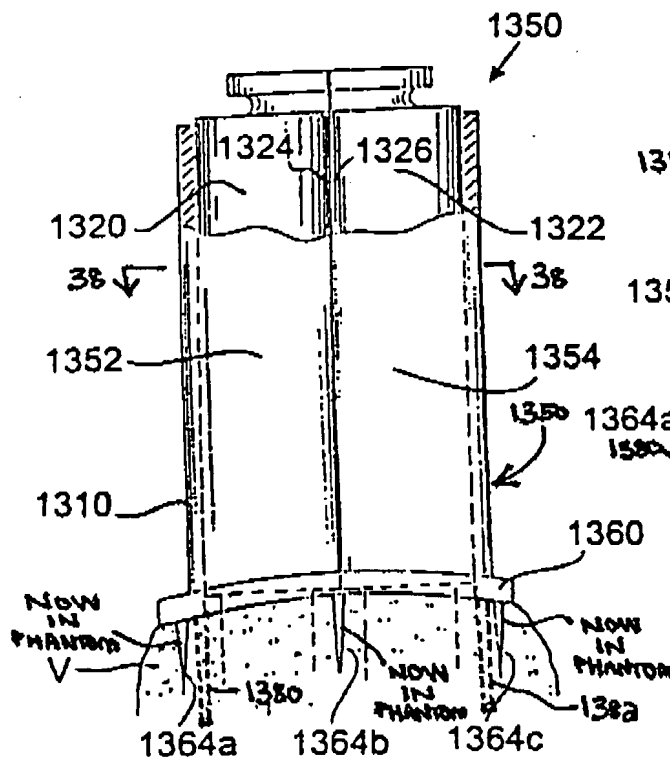
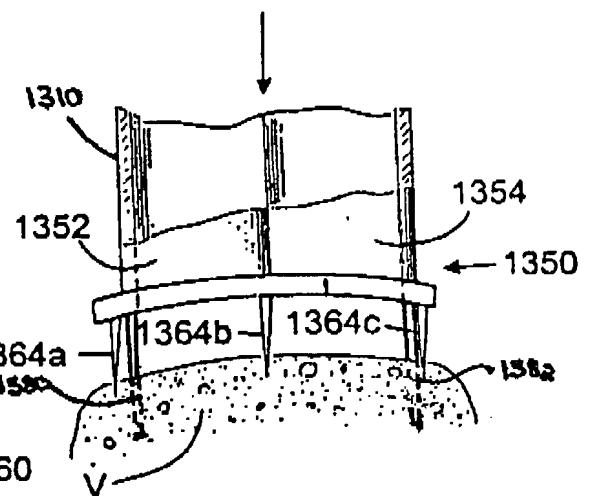


FIG. 39



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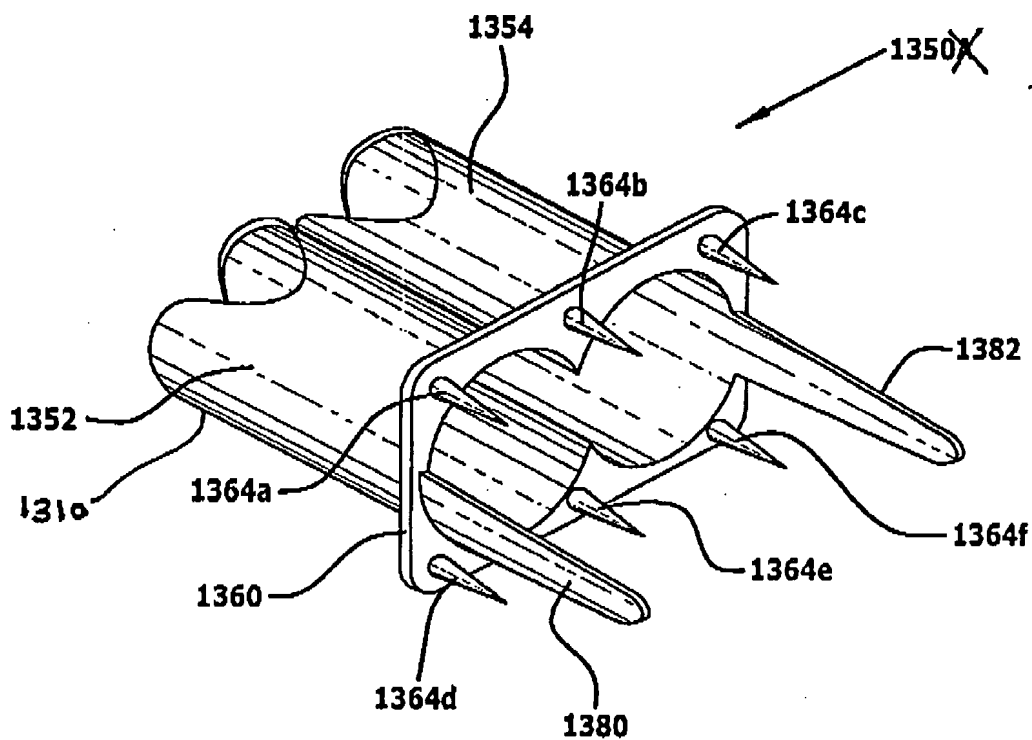


FIG. 42